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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

San Diego has a smoked herring factory.

A \$60,000 jetty is being constructed at private expense at Coronado.

Bakersfield is to have a cheap excursion to Los Angeles.

San Diego has a garbage crematory now in running order.

The people of Nordhoff are up in arms against a proposed saloon.

The next district convention of the Y.P.S.C.E. is to be held in San Diego.

Prof. Eugene Pichner has been elected instructor of Greek and Latin at Throop.

The State authorities are thinking of establishing a homing pigeon service at San Diego.

John S. Spangler has been re-elected secretary of the Phoenix chamber of commerce.

An experimental cargo of San Diego county freight leaves San Diego for Honolulu this week.

The Santa Monica trustees have let the contract for 7300 feet of sewer. The price is \$703.70.

Prescott, Ariz., proposes to have a brewery. Last year that town consumed 99 carloads of beer.

D. Myers of Winchester has raised 600 turkeys this year that at the prevailing price are worth about \$1000.

There are now 55 building and loan associations in California with an aggregate capital of \$21,000,000.

Kenworthy is the name of a new post-office recently established at the mines five miles above the Thomas ranch.

The proposition to vote school and fire bonds in Los Angeles was defeated last Tuesday owing to the school scandal.

Senator Stephen M. White and wife have reached Washington. The senator is loaded up to fight the annexation of the Hawaiian islands.

Articles of incorporation of the California Rubber Paint Company were filed with the county clerk. The principal place of business is Escondido.

The date for the official opening of the Home Products show at Los Angeles has been fixed for Jan. 22. The big industrial parade will be held Jan. 24.

The Stanford University glee, mandolin and specialty clubs are arranging a tour through the southern part of the state, during the Christmas vacation.

H. T. Oxnard contemplates residing permanently in Los Angeles, enabling him to give personal supervision to the sugar factories at Chino and Hueneme.

The Suman flour mill, which was moved from Colton to San Bernardino, will start up this week. A new water wheel 35 feet in diameter has been put in.

Engineer Burr Bassell of Los Angeles is surveying for a drainage ditch and spur road from the proposed sugar factory at Hueneme to the water front of the town.

G. H. Herrold, of the United States geological survey, assisted by J. Rockhold of Riverside, is at work in the San Jacinto mountains, running levels through the range.

It is now announced that the new Randsburg road will open for regular traffic Dec. 15. The trip will take 12 hours from Los Angeles. Two passenger trains will run daily.

In Pasadena a man is arrested if he leaves his horse unhitched, and in Los Angeles the same fate befalls him if he hitches the animal. The hitching ordinances and the divorce laws need harmonizing.

Governor McCord of Arizona has been requested by the interior department to investigate reports that the sheriff of Coconino county has been mistreating Navaho Indians found by him off the reservation.

The Colton, Cal., cement works are getting out 170 barrels of cement per

day and the daily shipments are now averaging three carloads. A sale of 6500 barrels was recently made to the San Gabriel Electric Company.

J. C. Elliott has applied to the city trustees for permission to erect a pleasure wharf at Santa Monica between 800 and 1500 feet in length. The wharf is to be free to the public and booths will be rented as a means of revenue.

One hundred and fifty-six coops of chickens, comprising over forty breeds, are on exhibition at Santa Ana. This is the first chicken show held in the county since the discontinuance of the poultry exhibit by the Fair Association.

Los Angeles celebrated the 25th anniversary of their public library Tuesday. There is a scheme on foot now to erect a fine building for the exclusive use of the city library. Redlands has a \$60,000 building, donated by the Smiley Brothers.

Leading capitalists and business men of Los Angeles are endeavoring to form a syndicate with \$400,000 capital, one quarter paid up in advance, to bid for the work on San Pedro harbor. The Chamber of Commerce is taking part in the work.

Several big mountain lions have been recently seen in Moosa canyon, San Diego Co. On one ranch they tried to get away with a mare and her colt, but the mare made such a fight that they were beaten off. The colt, however, was killed during the battle.

Mining men are discussing with much interest the recent location of large deposits of gypsum on the desert, twenty miles south of Borrego Springs. Five locations were filed for record last week and it is said that capitalists are about to visit the new district.

The Southern California Railway Co. has torn up the tracks between Fallbrook and Ranchita station. The four miles of road did not pay, and no cars had been run over it for three months. The Fallbrook station, it is reported, is to be enlarged and a warehouse built there.

The long-distance transmission of electric power is the popular thing in California. Fresno is supplied with power from a plant in the mountains many miles away, and it is expected now that a line will be run from there to Hanford, 32 miles away, by way of Malaga, Fowler and Selma.

A public spirited citizen of Los Angeles announces that he will head a subscription list of one hundred names with a subscription of \$1000 for the erection of a new public library building in that city; that is to say, he will be one of one hundred men who shall each give the sum of \$1000 to that noble object.

It is reported that large quantities of Mexican oranges are being imported from Sonora to the United States, in spite of the heavy duty of 65 cents a box. The silver currency of Mexico makes it possible for Americans to go there and purchase oranges at \$1 a box, Mexican money, which is only equal to 45 cents per box in gold, and then make a profit after paying duty and freight.

Mrs. Belle Owens was feeding her chickens one day recently at Oceanside, when a large blue sea gull which had been flying near, alighted among the fowls and began feeding with the flock. Mrs. Owens, much to her surprise, was able to catch the bird, and now proudly exhibits him to visitors, as he is tame and apparently at home among the chickens.

The expressmen doing business between Pasadena and Los Angeles are organizing with a view of retaining their business without wearing out forty horses, and yet serve the citizens of both cities as well as in the past. The nine principal carriers have combined and have made an arrangement with the Terminal Railway company to transport their goods, and delivery wagons and men will be at each end of the road to distribute the merchandise.

At the last meeting of the Santa Ana board of trustees complete plans and estimates of the cost of the proposed sewer system were unanimously adopted by the board and filed. The city attorney was instructed to take the necessary steps for bringing the question of bonding the city for \$65,000 before the citizens. It was decided that in case the bonds are voted the entire system shall be completed as soon as possible. The face of the bonds will probably be \$500 and \$625. They will run forty years and bear interest at 5 per cent.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

There are only two disengaged wheat ships in San Francisco, and their agents are holding out for a 35-shilling freight.

The Lick observatory eclipse expedition from San Francisco has arrived at Bombay and will proceed inland to the observation station.

An invitation engraved on a slab of gold quartz will be sent to President McKinley asking him to attend California's golden jubilee.

It has been decided to lay a cable from San Francisco to the Hawaiian islands near Honolulu, and extensions from the islands will be made to Japan and Australia.

At Seattle in the federal court Judge Hanford awarded two passengers who started to Alaska last September on the Eugene \$800 damages each against the owners of the steamer for their failure to land them at Dawson.

Citizens of Portland are subscribing with lavish hand to the Kolndkie relief fund. Portland alone will donate not less than 100,000 tons of food. Hearty contributions are expected from interior cities. People are enthusiastic, and await with eagerness Congressional action.

Owing to the rapid development of the oil industry at Summerland, in Santa Barbara county, it has been found necessary to undertake the construction of a dock at that place, so that the product of the oil fields may be shipped to San Francisco by water. Oil can be delivered in San Francisco for 14 cents per barrel freight, against 51 cents, the rate now charged by the railroad. A company has been formed under the title of The Enterprise Oil and Mining company, which has as its main object the building of a pier.

The municipal election at Ventura resulted in a hot contest. Five candidates were in the field for the office of marshal, and there was a hot fight to slaughter J. M. Kaiser, the successful candidate. J. F. Newby, for many years town clerk, was re-elected. The trustees were: Banker J. S. Collins, A. Badgley, S. L. Shaw, R. C. Sudden and T. L. Lewis. The proposition of reorganization for the adoption of a new charter received the greatest vote, but has doubtless been lost, owing to the failure of many to vote on the question, as it requires a majority of all the votes cast.

Redlands is experiencing a veritable building boom, the operations embracing many styles of edifices, from the fine public library building, which is being erected through the generosity of Albert K. Smiley, to scores of modern cottages. Work on the library was begun some weeks ago, and since Mr. Smiley's recent return from the East it has been pushed with renewed vigor. The foundation walls are completed and the floor joists laid. The building will cost not less than \$60,000, and will probably be the finest of its kind west of the Rockies. The site is a commanding one at the intersection of Fourth and Vine streets, overlooking the business section of town and surrounded by spacious grounds. The architecture will be of the Mission style, and the building will be of brick, with trimmings of San Jose stone, and a tile roof. It will be L-shaped, and at the intersection of the two wings there will be a tower surmounted by a dome fifty feet high. The interior will be fitted up with oak, paneled ceilings, etc., and the building will be heated with steam and lighted by gas and electricity. It will be called the Smiley Library, and will prove a lasting memorial to the Smiley family, who have done so much for Redlands. Their names will be engraved in a stone shield surmounting the main entrance.

President Piciorla has vetoed the bill recently passed by the Peruvian congress legalizing non-Catholic marriages and will present another proposal dealing with the subject.

EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

December wheat went to \$1.09 on the Chicago board of trade last week.

The wire manufacturing interests of the country have been consolidated.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons says Fitz will never enter the ring again with her consent.

One of the six-day bicycle men fell asleep on his wheel and another was kept awake with a club.

It is reported that all Wells-Fargo messengers will soon be required to wear white duck uniforms.

A dispatch from Creede, Col., says that after December 1 wages for miners will be \$3 a day instead of \$2.50.

Two hundred and fifty inmates of the epileptic hospital, Gallipolis, O., are suffering from mysterious poisoning.

Railroads centering in Omaha report from six to eighteen inches of snow along their lines. All the trains are late.

At the second annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe railroad the old directors were re-elected throughout.

A move is on foot to hold a Pan-American exposition at La Salle, on the Niagara river near the great falls, in 1899. The object is to promote trade on longitudinal lines.

United States customs authorities at El Paso have, in their possession, forty yards of rare pattern finest grade of silk, which Mme. Adelaide Hermann bought for the drapery of her costume in the serpentine dance, which she is designing. The silk was found hidden under Mme. Hermann's skirts, and was confiscated by the United States government as smuggled property.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The sale of liquor has been prohibited in the senate wing of the capitol.

Congressman Lorimer of Illinois has introduced a bill to establish postal savings banks.

A delegation of native Hawaiians to protest against annexation has arrived in Washington.

A bill providing statehood for New Mexico has been introduced in the house of representatives.

Governor McCord of Arizona has telegraphed the secretary of war protesting against the abandonment of Fort Whipple, suggested in the last report of the war department.

Secretary Gage has adopted a plan for naming new vessels of the revenue cutter service. The old system of naming new vessels was to call them after secretaries, sometimes senators or members of the house, and sometimes clerks. Hereafter, however, these vessels will receive the names of tribes of Indians. The cutter launched at Cleveland has been named the Algonquin, and another will be called the Onondaga.

The "long" session of congress opened at Washington on Monday, December 5, at noon. The extra session last spring cleared away so much of the urgent business that there is a lack of interest in the opening of the body. The President's message was calm and conservative. It did not urge that Spain be wiped out and Cuba be made free at once. President McKinley urges the early annexation of Hawaii and the passage of an arbitration treaty with England and her colonies.

MINES AND MINING.

Ore that assays 12 ounces in gold and 70 ounces in silver has been discovered near Pearce, Ariz.

It is reported that eighty stamps at Duggett will soon be pounding away on ore from the Rand mining district.

The Utica company is operating 60 stamps on the Utica, 60 on the Stickle, 40 on the Mattison and 20 on the Gold Cliff in Calaveras county. The Stickle shaft is to be sunk to 1500 feet.

In Yuma county, Arizona, opposite San Diego county, on the Colorado river, the Gold Extraction company shows \$68 per ton value based on 51 samples of ore. The product is figured at \$1,017 per day.

P. C. Filane and Grant Williams recently took out \$300 in two weeks with a dry washer in Virginia Dale district. Two Mexicans took out \$200 in two weeks at dry washing in the same dis-

trict. In the clean-up were two nuggets of \$30 and \$40.

The Fresno county oil district, near Huron, on the west side, is developing very satisfactorily. There are now six wells flowing good streams of petroleum, and several carloads of crude oil are being shipped out daily. Two companies, in which eastern capitalists are largely interested, are boring wells, and some big developments are expected.

A correspondent writes from Danby, San Bernardino county, regarding the mining district south of that place. He says that rich ore has been taken out and is being taken out by mining men, who have gone to work in a business-like way, but that the district has been queered by speculators and inexperienced operators.

A corporation with millions of capital behind it has been organized for the development of mining properties in the United States and Territories and in British North America. On this side of the Atlantic John W. Mackay, Henry L. Leiter and D. O. Mills are reported to be among the heaviest stockholders, while in Europe the Rothschilds, the Duke of Teck and other nobles are named.

A two-stamp mill has recently been erected at the mine owned by T. J. Harris & Bros. of San Emigdio. The property is located on Frazier mountain, Ventura county. The first mill run of twelve tons of ore was made about a month ago, and the clean-up produced over \$300, making it more than \$25 per ton of ore. There is a large amount of ore in sight, which will probably run higher than the first milling.

Several gold mines at Camp Todd, in San Mateo canyon, a few miles from Fallbrook, have been sold to a company that has already begun the construction of a road right in and will at once proceed to erect a smelter. The prices obtained for the mines are considered low. Four of them were sold for about \$8000, but as this involves the building of a road and the erection of a smelter, it is satisfactory, to the camp at least. San Diego Union.

Within the last few weeks a very rich strike of gold bearing ore has been made within ten miles of San Bernardino. Almost all of the prospecting done by residents of this locality is done out on the desert and little attention has been paid to trying to locate mines close at home. The rich strikes made in Lytle Creek for the last 20 or 25 years has demonstrated that the mountains north and west of here contain gold and that all that is needed to locate good claims is a thorough prospecting.

The first active and efficient advertising of the gold resources of California since the beginning of the revival will be that afforded by the great Golden Jubilee and the fair to be started at about the same time, January 24 next. California is the most inviting and profitable region in the world, and this is so evident that men may easily be convinced of it. Its record is so vast and its legitimate production and prosperity at the present time are so great that it cannot suffer by being regarded as a "boom" region out of which the bottom may fall. The Klondike rush of next spring is the thing which has mainly impelled the mining and business men to get up the mining exposition which is planned. Especial efforts are to be made in many ways to draw this travel and the trade accompanying it to San Francisco as the point of outfitting and departure. The San Francisco Miners' Association proposes to do for mining what the State Board of Trade has been doing in its field.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

The Pope is suffering severely from rheumatism.

The treaty of peace between Turkey and Greece was signed Saturday.

Wilhelmina, queen of the Netherlands, will take the oath of accession to the throne September 6, 1898, in the new church at Amsterdam.

A terrible typhoon swept over the Philippine islands on October 6, wiping out whole towns and leaving a long list of dead in its wake. Two hundred and fifty Europeans and as many natives were killed.

The Mexican government has granted concessions to a French syndicate, represented by Pablo Leroll, for the building of 300 miles of irrigating ditches in the state of Chiapas and a railroad through the district to be irrigated. The syndicate is required to expend 25,000,000 francs.